

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 177

Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Consultancies

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from 25 February, 2014 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.
3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

1. The ACMA undertook 20 consultancies from 25 February 2014. Details are attached.
2. There are no planned consultancies for the remainder of calendar year 2014. As there are no planned consultancies above the reporting threshold there are no entries for consultancies in the Annual Procurement Plan.
3. Four consultancy advices were obtained via limited source procurement. These were:
 - a. Interaction with industry on numbering allocation services to ensure that a then forthcoming Request for Tender specification aligned with industry capabilities for delivery. The provider was independent in the market and had established networks with specialised industry knowledge to align industry capabilities with numbering allocation systems;
 - b. Engagement with Small and Medium Enterprises on emerging digital technologies. Following a search for relevant skills and experience the provider was uniquely placed, given former senior management positions in internet safety and had established relevant networks across government, corporate and not for profit sectors;
 - c. Independent advisory services to market test for commercial office space in Brisbane. The provider had proven capabilities from two earlier exercises where they proved to be fully conversant with the market, represented best value and had established confidence with the ACMA Executive;
 - d. Independent review of mobile spectrum demand forecasting model including liaison with industry. The supplier had been selected via an earlier competitive open approach to market where they were highly rated and represented best value by a significant margin.

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Contracts awarded as Consultancy					
Supplier Name	Description	Procurement Method	Start Date	End Date	Value Ex GST (AUD)
Clayton Utz	Legal Advice for New Melbourne Premises	Competitive Quote (AG MUL)	10-Apr-13	30-Jun-14	\$ 27,272.73
Clarke Communications	Expert Technical Advice re Interaction of Numbering Allocation Systems with Industry Systems	Limited tender	20-Sep-13	31-May-14	\$ 18,000.00
HLW Ebsworth Lawyers	Investigation of Human Resources Matter	Competitive Quote (AG MUL)	5-Aug-13	30-Jun-14	\$ 45,454.55
Ashurst Australia	Legal Advice on Draft Contract for Numbering Services	Competitive Quote (AG MUL)	10-Jan-14	30-Jun-14	\$ 26,707.93
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice on Scope of ACMA's Discretion under S.56 of Telecommunications Act 1997	Competitive Quote (AG MUL)	11-Feb-14	11-May-14	\$ 15,000.00
S2P2 Strategies	Strategic Advice and Stakeholder Engagement re SME and Digital Business Research Project	Limited tender	17-Feb-14	28-Feb-14	\$ 4,909.09
Freer Commercial	Provision of Property Advisory Services for ACMA Brisbane Office	Limited tender	14-Mar-14	28-Nov-14	\$ 25,000.00
Analysys Mason	Preparation of Mobile Spectrum Demand Forecasting Model and Targeted Industry Consultation	Limited tender	11-Apr-14	1-Sep-14	\$ 38,000.00
Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre	Cybersmart Indigenous Program Case Studies and	Competitive Quote - RFO	9-Apr-14	30-Jun-14	\$ 36,363.64

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Australia	Evaluation Framework				
Protiviti Pty Ltd	Internal Audit Services	Open tender	1-Jan-12	31-Dec-14	\$ 410,000.00
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services - Solicitors re Litigation	Open tender	17-Jul-12	30-Jun-14	\$ 222,727.27
Synergy Group Australia	Probity Audit Services	Open tender	1-Oct-12	30-Jun-14	\$ 31,381.82
Ashurst	Legal Advice re Procurement of IT Provider for Management of Do Not Call Register	Open tender	8-Oct-12	30-Jun-15	\$ 45,000.00
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Provision of Audit of ACMA's Activity Based Management Model	Open tender	1-Feb-13	31-Jan-16	\$ 28,688.18
Cudex T/A Newspoll	Research Quantitative and Qualitative RTC Tracking Consumer Outcomes	Open tender	27-Feb-13	28-Feb-14	\$ 171,500.00
Analysys Mason	Build Spectrum Demand Forecasting Model for Wireless Access Services	Open tender	1-Jul-13	31-Dec-17	\$ 149,000.00
Davidson Trahaire Corpsych Pty Limited	Employee Assistance Program	Open tender	28-Mar-14	27-Mar-15	\$ 26,000.00
Cudex Pty Ltd T/A Newspoll Market Research	Annual Consumer Survey 2013-14	Open tender	21-Mar-14	13-Jun-14	\$ 113,100.00
GfK Australia Pty Ltd	Qualitative Research into SMEs and the Digital Economy	Open tender	2-Apr-14	23-Jun-14	\$ 92,800.00
Cudex Pty Ltd T/A Newspoll Market Research	Research Services - Children's Television Standards	Open tender	14-Apr-14	30-Jun-14	\$ 44,950.91
TOTAL					\$1,571,856.11